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- POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV ROLE

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1. WITH REGARD TO REF (A), WE BELIEVE THE YUGOSLAVS
COULD WELL BE WILLING TO ASSIST IN EFFORTS TO MOVE
ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. AN
END TO THE FIGHTING IS CLEARLY IN THE GOY'S INTEREST,
FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

--THE CONTINUING ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI CONFLICT CONSTITUTES
ONE OF SEVERAL SERTOUS THREATS TO THE "UNITY" OF THE
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS THE BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED
MINISTERIAL APPROACHES.

--THE EPMG'S ALLEGED "COMMITMENT" TO NON-ALIGNMENT,
MUCH HERALED BY YUGOSLAVIA, IS BECOMING
INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THE GOY TO DEFEND.

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-- THE YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT WHAT THEY
BELIEVE TO BE AT LEAST THE RUDIMENTS OF A
"SOCIALIST REVOLUTION" IN ETHIOPIA, AND THEY CAN
LIVE WITH A SIGNIFICANT SOVIET PRESENCE IN THAT
COUNTRY IF IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN ORDER THAT
THE "REVOLUTION" NOT FALTER. BUT THE GOY DOES NOT
WISH TO SEE ETHIOPIA BECOME A SOVIET PAWN, AN

EVENTUALITY POTENTIALLY IN AN EPMG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE
TO THE FINISH A MILITARY SOLUTION.

2. REGARDING REF (B), IT IS ALSO IN THE YUGOSLAVS'
INTERESTS, AND THEY KNOW IT, THAT THERE CONTINUE TO
BE A WESTERN, INCLUDING U.S., PRESENCE IN ADDIS.
INDEED, IT HAS BEEN WITH THIS CONCERN IN MIND THAT
THE GOY HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS COUNSELED US ON
THE NEED FOR A MEASURE OF EPMG-U.S. RECONCILIATION.
WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT ANY APPEAL ON OUR PART FOR
GOY HELP IN PERUSADING THE EPMG TO TAKE IT EASY ON
THE WEST AND THE U.S. WILL LEAD THE YUGOSLAVS TO DO
MORE ON THAT SCORE THAN THEY ARE ALREADY DOING.

3. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE A GENERAL APPROACH TO THE
YUGOSLAVS ASKING THEM TO ENCOURAGE ETHIOPIAN-
SOMALI NEGOTIATIONS (WITH WHATEVER SPECIFIC
SUGGESTIONS WE MIGHT HAVE), WHILE UNDERLINING
THE ADVESE CONSEQUENCES SHOULD THE COURSE OF
EVENTS FORCE A FURTHER SHRINKAGE OF THE BRITISH
AND U.S. PRESENCE IN ADDIS, WOULD BE A
WORTHWILE VENTURE.
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